

ages of 16 and 18, in attendance at centres in the coalfields.* These centres are designed, by keeping young unemployed boys and girls interested and under discipline and engaged in useful occupations or recreation, to prevent the demoralisation which so quickly sets in among juveniles of these ages when unemployed. In the centres for boys which have recently been opened in the depressed areas, a manual element has been included in the curriculum of the centres and an endeavour is being made by training in the use of tools, e.g., in woodwork and simple metalwork, to turn the minds of these boys away from the only occupation of which they have thought in their home areas towards a new life in another area. Special attention is being given to the task of securing vacancies for these boys in other parts of the country; there is provision for paying the fares of boys transferred to employment in distant areas.

Training for Women.

54. Training of women between the ages of 18 and 35 and of some girls between the ages of 16 and 18 for domestic service has for some years been carried out by the Central Committee for Women's Training as part of the normal programme of unemployment relief work, and a number of centres have been opened in South Wales, on the North-East Coast and in Scotland. The Committee have now been empowered to extend this provision and 16 new centres will shortly be open in the depressed areas. At these new centres special facilities for the training of younger girls (16 to 18) are being provided to equip them to enter domestic service in other areas.

VII. POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS OF FACILITIES FOR TRANSFER IN THIS COUNTRY.

Employment Exchanges.

55. We think it essential that public emphasis should be laid on the contribution that the employment exchange system can make to the problem, if it is properly supported by employers. The value of the employment exchanges lies not so much in the register of local unemployed that each exchange maintains, as in the closely articulated system which is in contact with the unemployed of all degrees of skill and aptitude in all areas throughout Great Britain. There can thus be brought to the employer the widest possible field from which he can select with complete freedom of choice. From discussions with employers we have gathered that there is an impression that the selection of personnel,

* The attendance at all centres throughout the country at the end of May totalled about 4,250 boys and 1,250 girls.